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## State to restore money to CSU

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Staff Writer

In the first restoration of state funding since 2007, the California State University system will be receiving a total of \$305 million in educational funding from the 2010 California Budget Act, according to a CSU media relations specialist.

"The funding will go to restoring some of the courses, services and operations that were impacted by the last two years of state funding

reductions," Erik Fallis stated in an e-mail. "A significant portion of the funding will be used to restore access and educate more students."

The state plans to restore \$199 million to the system, \$60.6 million for enrollment growth and an additional \$106 million in federal funding, striving to reinstate the \$305 million cut from the CSU's 2009-2010 general fund, according to an Oct. 8 press release.

When the budget deficiency spread throughout the state, Cali-

fornia reduced funding to the CSU by \$625 million over a two-year period, resulting in a 40,000 student decrease in enrollment, Fallis stated.

"Two-thirds of the CSU educational and operational budget comes from the state of California," he stated. "Without adequate state support, CSU access (to education) and quality suffers."

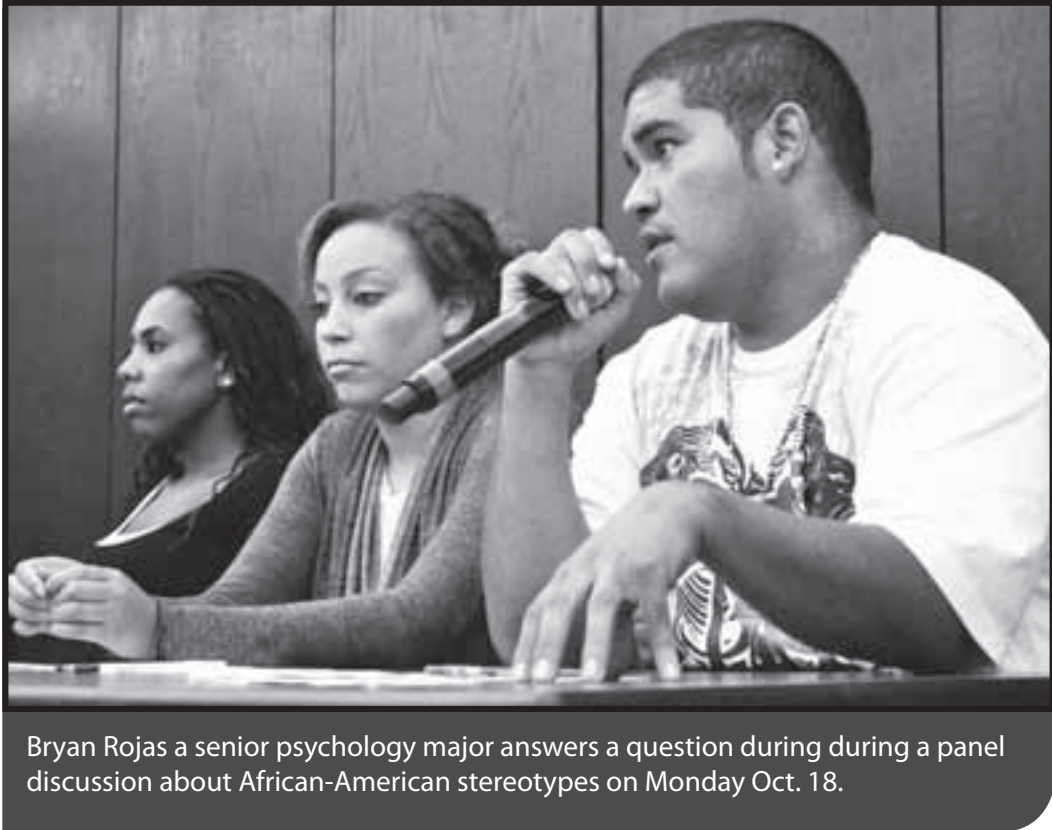
Junior nursing major Adrian Carter said the entire state university system has suffered over the last few years because of a

lack of funding.

"Students have been forced to make hard decisions concerning their education because the cost has risen so much," she said. "It's encouraging to hear that the state is finally doing something to try and get back to the level of money that's needed."

The California Budget Act, signed on Oct. 8, provides California with \$86.6 billion in the general fund for the next year, Fallis stated.

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Bryan Rojas a senior psychology major answers a question during during a panel discussion about African-American stereotypes on Monday Oct. 18.

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## Mosaic Center calls attention to the Congo

**KELSEY LYNNE LESTER-PERRY**

Staff Writer

More than a dozen students filled the front row of seats in the Umunhum room on Monday in the Student Union for "Continental Divide 2: Relations in the Black Community," a panel held to answer questions about what it means to be black.

Lindsey Leong, a senior social science major, said she saw a flier and thought it would be a good event to check out.

"They are going to talk about relations and dynamics within the African-American community," she said. "I really want to go to Wednesday's event also. They will be talking

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## San Jose swerves to California's second-highest in drunk driving

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Two California cities were ranked highest for drivers with alcohol-related driving violations, according to a survey released September 20 by Insurance.com.

Out of 20 major metropolitan areas, San Jose came in at No. 2, just behind San Diego at No. 1, according to the website.

Margaret Hall, a graduate student in linguistics and language development, said she felt uneasy about this news.

"I drive home from school late at night because it takes too long to take the light rail all the way back to Mountain View where I live," she said.

"Hearing this makes me feel anxious and unsafe about being on the road."

Senior nutrition major Kerinin Balaean said the ranking made sense because of the number of cops she sees every day on her way to school, looking for people to pull over.

"I see at least five cop cars a day," she said. "So it sounds about right."

Lt. Chris Monahan of the San Jose Police Department said San Jose actively enforces laws against driving under the influence through general patrol duties, "saturation driving under the influence enforcement" and DUI checkpoints.

"Through these methods

we engage many drivers operating their vehicles in the dangerous manner," he said.

“Hearing this makes me feel anxious and unsafe on the road.”  
**MARGARET HALL**  
Graduate linguistics and language development

Monahan said the SJPD is not trying to "win the num-

ber of citations" rankings, but to ensure that people are not driving drunk.

The SJPD has an active partnership with the California Office of Traffic Safety, which is funding much of the enforcement efforts, he said.

"We regularly come into contact with drivers under the influence," said Sgt. Manuel Aguayo, the public information officer for University Police Department. "SJSU is within close proximity to the downtown area, which includes bars, restaurants and night clubs, which means we frequently encounter them."

Aguayo said the odd thing is that UPD catches the

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## Documentary brings to light cacao trade's bitter truths

**SHIVA ZAHIRFAR**

Staff Writer

Hoping to raise awareness about the effects of free trade on the chocolate industry, the Nutrition and Food Science Club screened "The Dark Side of Chocolate" to an audience of about 36 people in the King Library on Monday.

"We pass out a lot of chocolate during Halloween from companies that are involved with the free trade industry," said Terri Bella, a junior nutrition major and president of the club.

In the film, filmmakers Miki Mistrati and U. Roberto Romano discover that the world of chocolate isn't sweet for the millions of smuggled children working on cacao plantations in the Ivory Coast.

The Ivory Coast is the world's leading grower and exporter of cacao and many of the world's top companies — Nestle, Mars and the leading exporter of cacao, Saf Cacao — get their cacao from the region, said the film's narrator.

Many heads of organizations involved with the issue of child labor, including presidents of chocolate companies, chocolate exporters and government workers, deny that children work in the fields and claim they are against child labor, according to the film.

Juxtaposed with these claims are clips of undercover people visiting a plantation in the Ivory Coast and the many children between the ages of 10 and 12 who are wielding machetes used to cut down the cacao pods.

The children shown in the film once lived in another part of the continent until they were lured by traffickers with promises of work and then sold to plantation owners, according to the film.

The narrator said the children are often abused, get in trouble if they are caught trying to run away or work too slowly, are forced to work for many years and are locked up at night.

C. Bartoli, a graduate student in nutrition, said she found it interesting that the children working at the plantations were from various countries in Africa.

According to the film, a plantation owner will pay around 230 euros to the traffickers for the indefinite use of a child.

"I wasn't aware that cocoa was grown in Africa," freshman music major Manuel Rodriguez-Ruiz said. "To hear children are enslaved, it makes me more careful about what I buy."

The film showed that the world's biggest companies in the chocolate industry signed a document in 2001 agreeing to stop child labor any way they could by 2008.

The filmmakers were unable to make contact with any of the companies involved in the issue, and to educate the companies on the topic, the movie was screened on the building parallel to the Nestle headquarters.

The major companies that purchase cacao from the Ivory Coast declined to comment but released a statement that they were not responsible for this issue because the plantations were independently owned, the film showed.

After seeing firsthand child labor at various Ivory Coast plantations, the filmmakers confronted the owner of Saf Cacao, who had previously denied that children worked in the fields.

"It's a disaster for the Ivory Coast," the owner said.

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majority of drunk drivers right in front of the police department.

"It wasn't until 1995 that the streets that run through campus were closed off," he said. "So drivers under the influence think that those streets continue when they really stop at the intersections."

He said in 2009, a drunk driver drove into a palm tree in front of Campus Village, and that he's seen people driving under the influence around Paseo de Cesar Chavez in the middle of the day.

"Generally speaking, out of 123 arrests in 2009, DUIs peak between the ages of 21 and 24," Aguayo said.

He said the only fatality the university police has been involved with recently was in 2006 when an officer saw a woman speeding down Fourth Street on Halloween.

"As the officer went to pull them over, (the car) crashed between San Salvador and Williams (streets)," Aguayo said. "The car was going so fast it flipped over and the passenger was killed. The driver survived and she was arrested for vehicular homicide."

He said that minor inconveniences like theft are a blessing compared to someone getting hurt or killed, which he ultimately wants to avoid.

"A family friend of mine was killed just after she graduated from high school," said senior English major Nitin Nimgaonkar. "She didn't even drink — she was just a passenger. She and her brother were hit by a drunk driver driving on the wrong side of the road."

He said she died in the hospital, but her brother survived.

He said the drunk driver survived as well and was sent to jail.

Aguayo said police are always on patrol for any type of traffic violation, including running a red light, driving without headlights, weaving in the roadway, not being able to stay in the lane and almost colliding with a vehicle or object — any specific indicators of a driver not being safe behind the wheel.

"Students can be affected if they're walking around campus," he said. "They can be hit by a drunk driver, they could get hurt as a passenger if they're involved in a collision, etc."

He said the most important thing to remember when going out and drinking is to have a plan for getting home safely.

"Have a designated driver," he said. "And make sure that person has the keys to the car. Please call the police if you see anything suspicious. You have the chance to prevent someone from killing themselves or others — you're responsible if you don't take action."

SJPD officer Monahan said drivers also need to be aware of their surrounding drivers.

"Look for drivers that seem distracted — not tracking in their lane, going too slow or seem lost," he said. "There are lots of indicators, but the most defensive drivers should have the best luck of avoiding collisions."

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In the film, many organizations are attempting to solve this issue and in one operation, Interpol saved 65 children who were going to be smuggled to different plantations.

"When you buy fair trade, that farmer gets a fair price and it includes a premium," club president Bella said. "The premium gets into the community to help."

Free-trade farmers get below market price for their crops, leading to the need for cheaper labor, which she said can lead to child labor because of the low wages given to children.

Many scenes of plantations were taken secretly because many people involved do not want knowledge of child labor in cacao fields to get out.

Journalist Guy-Andre Kieffer was investigating child labor in African plantations when he was kidnapped in 2004 and has not been heard from since, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists website.



PHOTO: JACK BARNWELL | CONTRIBUTOR

Junior nutrition major Terri Bella, president of the Nutrition and Food Science Club, introduces the screening of the documentary "The Dark Side of Chocolate" in King Library, on Monday, Oct. 18.

# Society propels group of scientists; is recognized in national conference

KENNY MARTIN

Staff Writer

The SJSU Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science attended its annual conference from Sept. 30 to Oct. 3, where it won the small chapter of the year award.

"This award is a testament to the work these students have done," said Alan Leventhal, an adviser to the club who also works in the anthropology department at SJSU.

Herbert Silber, from the College of Science, has been involved with the organization since the 1970s. He said the size of the conference, which is on a national scale, has grown from about 200 in the 1970s to more than 3,000 in 2010.

The conference consisted of competitions, workshops, seminars

and entertainment, said Leo Rodriguez, treasurer and former president of the organization.

He said there were also recruiters for grad schools and internships, and even NASA representatives were in attendance.

"It was so incredibly moving and empowering seeing people of different backgrounds coming together for a common cause," said Rita Rodriguez, the marketing director of the SJSU organization.

At the conference, Leo Rodriguez said there is a big focus on preparing students for graduate schools and the tests required to get in.

Sometimes, students can get different fees concerning graduate school waived, he said.

Several of the members who went to the event said they had a positive experience.

"I found a new direction I want to go in," Leo Rodriguez said. "You have the ability to speak with people in fields you did not even know existed. I expanded my knowledge."

Gizelle Hurtado, who started the organization at SJSU two years ago, said she felt the organization was successful this year.

"We accomplished what we set out to do," she said. "I introduced myself to people who read applications for grad school. It brings you to your roots so you can spring forward."

Leo Rodriguez said he was amazed by the networking aspects of the conference.

"I was blown away by Ph.D.s knowing my name," he said. "It gives you a great networking opportunity. For example, we got to know the UC Santa Cruz chapter

and that is how we set up being able to give the kids a tour of the campus."

Members of the SJSU chapter volunteer some of their time to help younger children in areas such as math, and mentor them, spending time with them camping and showing them around college campuses, Leo Rodriguez said.

Next year, the conference will be hosted in San Jose, Silber said.

Rita Rodriguez said she hopes more people will be able to represent at San Jose next year.

"It is a huge honor to have the conference in San Jose," she said. "I want to have a larger membership because there are so many opportunities there."

Leo Rodriguez said having a larger membership would be beneficial.

"The larger the chapter, the more we can help," he said.

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"The Governor and legislature prioritized public higher education in the budget," he stated. "The CSU will be able to restore access, courses and student services."

Junior psychology major Amanda Graff said higher education should be one of the state's top priorities and that investing in education is the first step in the state solving its economic problems.

"Students have a huge impact on how the state functions and whether or not it functions efficiently," she said. "In five or 10 years, we are going to be the ones making the decisions. It's important that we are educated and prepared for what lays ahead."

The \$106 million in federal funding is the last disbursement of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, a law created in 2009 that aims to address the U.S. economic crisis by implementing tax cuts, increasing federal funding to colleges and creating additional loans and grants, according to a website dedicated to the act.

This amount will go toward helping the system meet its payroll, admit new students and restore class sections that were previously cut because of the budget deficit, according to a Sept. 16 CSU press release.

CSU Chancellor Charles Reed stated in an October 8 press release that the last two years have been challenging, but the new funding provides the availability for the CSU to provide appropriate access and service for current and incoming students.

"We thank the governor and the legislature for their commitment to reinvest in higher education, and appreciate the increase in state funding support for the CSU," he stated. "Our mission is to educate the future workforce of the state."

The exact amount of funding SJSU will receive is still undetermined, Fallis stated, with the funding budgeted primarily for the winter and spring semesters.

"The CSU is still working on the specific breakdown, but generally campuses will be restored in proportion to the cuts sustained over the prior two years," he stated.

Catherine Tran, a senior business management major, said she came to SJSU

immediately after high school and has had to endure the economic deficiency the entire time she's been in college.

"When I came here in 2007, the university was already suffering from the budget crisis," she said. "For the sake of future generations of students, I hope this

funding helps solve some of the system's problems and gets higher education back on track."

The amount of funding received in the last academic year was the lowest since the 1999-2000 academic term, according to the October release, and despite the funding increase, the level of

support CSU is receiving is still only at the 2005-2006 levels.

Since the money being received is a one-time disbursement from the state, Fallis stated the funding for the 2011-2012 academic year will not be determined until the 2011-2012 state general fund is released.

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# Students inspire youth to attend college



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Senior finance major Rodve Lewis mentors a student at Washington Elementary School on Oct. 1.



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Gabriel Rodriguez Jr., a Fuerza Escolar mentor, explains an activity using index cards during a visit to Washington Elementary School on Oct. 1.

## ISAIAH GUZMAN

Staff Writer

A mob of fifth graders swarmed Holly Rude like fans surrounding some movie star, and soon she could hardly move.

They leaned against her, trying to sneak a peak at her clipboard.

"Can I get a mentor?" one of them shouted. "My name is Henry."

A moment later, the bell rang and Rude was saved. Lunch was over and the students started running back to class.

"Oh my gosh," she said. "That was crazy."

Rude is a senior sociology major and one of 50 SJSU students volunteering as a mentor at Washington Elementary School. She was on the playground telling students who their mentors would be.

She's not a movie star, but the kids at Washington Elementary seem to treat mentors like they are.

The school, which sits south of the Interstate 280 overpass near First Street, is in the middle of a low-income, gang-plagued neighborhood, said Mary Lou Hernandez, Washington Elementary's dropout prevention counselor.

Many of the kids don't have role models or know people who have gone to a university, Hernandez said. Some of them live in small apartments with large immigrant families and their parents often work two or three jobs.

More than 90 percent of the school's students receive free or reduced-price lunches, Hernandez said, and 70 percent speak Spanish as a first language.

"It's completely normal for us to come back to school tomorrow and get an e-mail from the police advising us to lock down the school because there was a gang fight and somebody was killed," Hernandez said.

## A 'Fuerza' in the kids' lives

The mentorship program — called Fuerza Escolar, or School Force — pairs SJSU volunteers with one kid for the year. Mentors help with reading in the library, but they can also just sit and talk with the kids or go outside and play.

"It's so important for them to have a role model, have somebody they can look up to," Hernandez said. "They come into the office three, four, five times a week and ask, 'Do I get a mentor today? Do I get a mentor today?'"

Rude was paired with 11-year-old Juan Vargas.

"My mentor is fun and she helps me with math and reading," Vargas said.

"And she tells you to pay attention," said 10-year-old Cesar Bucio, a friend of Vargas.

To get a mentor, students have to earn "Dragon Dollars," Washington Elementary's currency for students who are considerate of others and do well on tests, Hernandez said.

"You have to be a good boy and show respect to the school," Vargas said.

Mentor Veronica Carillo, a junior social work major, said her mentee, Jennifer Mendoza, had never met a university student before they connected. Now, Carillo said Mendoza wants to go to SJSU.

"You can see their smile when they see us walking down the hall," Carillo said. "They run

to us, they're like, 'Oh, you're here.'"

Carillo, like other mentors, said she can relate to Mendoza. Carillo said Mendoza's parents often don't get home from work until 8 p.m.

Carillo's parents, meanwhile, immigrated here from Mexico and spent most of her childhood working, her dad as a maintenance man for a winery, her mom as a cook.

"I tell her that her parents have to work hard for her, so she doesn't grow with that belief that her parents don't care about her," Carillo said.

Senior finance major Rodve Lewis comes from South Central Los Angeles, where he said some of Southern California's most notorious gangs were born. His mentee is fifth-grader Jorge Garcia.

"I've lost double digits of friends to gang violence, stuff like that," Lewis said. "I just want to reach my hand back and help somebody else out. And if I can change one person's life, that's good enough for me."

Lewis said his parents steered him away from the influences of the streets.

"But if it wasn't for them I could be just like the people who we're trying to keep the kids away from," he said.

## Leveling the playing field

The mentorship program started two years ago with 10 volunteers and grew to about 25 mentors last year before doubling this year, said Fuerza Escolar Director Gabriel Rodriguez Jr., an undeclared sophomore.

"People keep coming back because they want to help out," Rodriguez said. "They want to inspire someone. They want to empower someone."

On mentor orientation day, Rodriguez told mentors that it was important for them to be committed to the program.

"They want you to be here," he said. "They want to be cool like you. They want to be a college student."

However, Rodriguez said the mentorship program's existence shows the school system isn't working.

"In a perfect society, this program should not exist," he said. "It's become a necessity."

"I just feel like I'm giving (the kids) a chance to succeed, that I'm leveling the playing field," Rodriguez said. "And that makes me feel like a good American in a way. Our system is based on equality."

Larry Carr, SJSU's associate vice president for public affairs, said he was pleased to hear of Fuerza Escolar's efforts.

"It's exciting to hear that that many students are out there mentoring younger students and going out to where those students are to perhaps even get them interested about attending college themselves one day," he said.

And that's one of the main reasons for the mentorship program, Hernandez said. She said Washington Elementary students can realize some of their mentors were once in the same kind of environment.

"It makes a big difference for the kids," Hernandez said. "We see a difference in how their

I just want to reach my hand back and help somebody else out. And if I can change one person's life, that's good enough for me.

RODVE LEWIS  
Senior Finance Major

"You better get to class," she said. She peeled away from the remaining students, then started after Vargas. "I want to see your desk really quick," she said.

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# Two young judokas to take on world at championships

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Cool, calm and confident. That's what SJSU judokas Colton Brown and Anthony Kwon are when they're on the mat, said teammate Hector Fajardo. "It comes from their training," Fajardo said. "They push themselves too hard to worry about this. They know this is the start of something good."

Brown and Kwon will fight in the Junior World Championships, which features the best under-20 judokas, in Morocco starting Thursday.

Since qualifying for junior worlds, Kwon and Brown have formed a special bond, Fajardo said.

"When one sees the other drop in production, the other one is always there to pick him up," Fajardo said.

Kwon and Brown said they've been training specifically for this tournament since July.

"I think I'm in the best shape of my life," Kwon said.

Brown, 19, qualified for junior worlds by winning the 90-kg division in the USA Judo National Junior Olympic Championships in July.

Head coach Yosh Uchida said Brown has a great chance of winning his division because of his athleticism.

"He has more speed than anyone I've seen," Uchida said about players of Brown's size.

Whereas Brown has had success on the junior level, including winning his division in

the Junior Pan-American Championships in September, Kwon said this will be his toughest competition yet.

"I don't know exactly what to expect because I have never fought this quality of people before," said the 17-year-old freshman. "I'm just going to go out there and take one fight at a time."

Kwon, who qualified by finishing second in the 66-kg division in the Junior Olympic Championships, said he lost early in the double-elimination tournament.

"I had to fight three more times just to fight the guy I lost to again," he said. "So I came back and beat him. That was the highlight."

Uchida said Kwon's greatest strength is his composure.

"He's been coached very well," Uchida said. "He doesn't get too frustrated. It's a confidence thing."

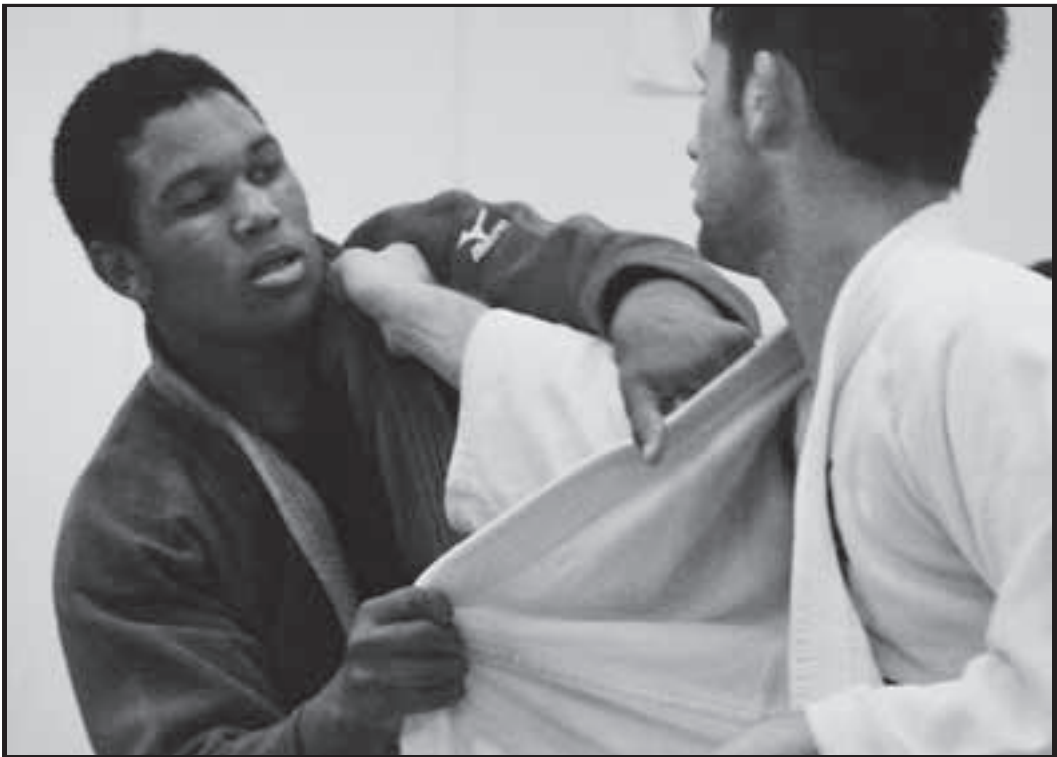
Brown's confidence is one of his strengths, and he said much of his confidence comes from his father, who was his coach before he came to SJSU.

Brown competed in junior worlds last year, losing his first-round fight.

"I have an idea of what to expect, but I definitely think it is going to be the hardest tournament I've competed in," the freshman said.

Fajardo said he expects Brown to place in the top three.

"I think Colton has a great shot, especially considering he's been doing so well at the senior level nationally," Fajardo said. "He's a lot more prepared than he was last year to compete."



Nineteen-year-old freshman Colton Brown will compete in the 90-kilogram division of the Junior World Championships.

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Anthony Kwon, who fights at 66 kilograms, spars with teammate Marti Malloy on Friday, Oct. 15 in preparation for the Junior World Championships.

PHOTO: DONOVAN FARNHAM | SPARTAN DAILY

# Last-minute goal breaks losing streak for men's soccer

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Senior Staff Writer

With SJSU and Seattle University knotted at zero, soccer head coach Gary St. Clair decided against substituting senior midfielder Nick Cukar out of Sunday's game.

A minute later, the move paid off.

Cukar scored the only goal of the game off a cross from sophomore forward Dylan Murphy to help the Spartans defeat Seattle University 1-0.

"It was critical for us to get this result," St. Clair said. "We were about to change our system of play before we scored the goal. The goal has been closed to us for the past four games."

The win was the Spartans' first in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play and the first in five games.

Cukar's goal was the first of the season for the senior, who led SJSU in scoring during the past two years. The goal came 31 minutes after SJSU saw its leading scorer, senior midfielder Josh Boemecke, leave the game with an ankle injury.

"I got the monkey off my back," Cukar said. "I have kind of been used to scoring, being the leading scorer for the past two seasons. Josh has been absolutely terrific this season. It is good to get a goal. Hope-

fully it leads to more."

Senior goalkeeper Jonathan Lester had nine saves in the game for the Spartans, including a win-preserving save in the 76th minute off a point-blank shot from Redhawks junior midfielder Demaci Rousos.

"It's always great to help keep your team in the game," Lester said. "But it is even better when you can do it several times to help your team get a win we really really needed."

The win Sunday followed a four-game stretch for the Spartans that ended with two ties and two losses. SJSU managed to only score one goal during the four games.

The win improved SJSU's record to 7-5-2 and 1-2-2 in MPSF play. The Spartans are currently in third place in the Pacific Division of the MPSF, behind second place Sacramento State and first place CSU Bakersfield.

"We kind of have a chip on our shoulder that we can compete in this league," Cukar said. "We can win. It is kind of hard coming off of two ties. The team was kind of getting down on itself. This picks us up and puts us right back in the thick of things."

The Spartans came out aggressively on Sunday with five shots in the first 10 minutes of play, including a near goal by junior midfielder Roberto Castañeda. Castañeda's shot

clanked off the post 32 seconds into the game.

The Spartans missed a golden opportunity when Boemecke's goal in the 28th minute was negated by an off-side call.

The penalty was a microcosm of the Spartans' offensive woes of late, St. Clair said. The Spartans have seen four shots ricochet off the post during the past two games.

"We have been playing so well and working so hard, but have not been able to come away with anything," he said. "Today we did."

Just three minutes after his goal was negated, Boemecke, who leads the team with seven goals, left the game with an ankle injury and did not return.

The injury allowed Cukar, who said he has been struggling this season, to finally break through with a goal.

"Nick has been such a great player for us over the years," St. Clair said. "I know he has put himself under a lot of pressure and good players do that. I can talk to him until I am blue in the face, but until he got that goal nothing is going to change."

The Spartans travel to Colorado on Friday to face Air Force before playing Denver on Sunday. Denver and Air Force are in second and fourth place respectively in the MPSF Mountain Division.

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# More signs point to Verizon iPhone; game maker breaches user privacy

## DAILY 2.0

DONOVAN FARNHAM  
Online Editor

The following opinion is a part of Daily 2.0, a Spartan Daily tech column.

The only group that seem to not know whether the iPhone is coming to Verizon Wireless is Apple.

Verizon announced today that it has reworked its 3G data plan to include an unlimited plan that many people thought was going to go the way of the Dodo and Elvis Presley.

That may not be the case come Oct. 28 when Verizon is expected to keep its unlimited plan.

If the rumor holds true, Verizon smartphone customers will have the option of choosing a 150-megabyte limit at \$15 or the unlimited plan at \$30.

This move would be a contradiction to AT&T's pricing plan, which is currently the only company to have the iPhone on its network. AT&T ended its unlimited data plan earlier this year.

This announcement comes a week after Verizon and Apple an-

nounced that the iPad would be sold in Verizon stores on the same day the new data plan was to go live. In addition, after much speculation, it was announced that the iPhone will be available on the Verizon network at some point in time.

Predicting the iPhone release date on the network, however, has caused the same amount of wrong predictions as the second coming of Christ.

The only difference is Jesus' comeback tour has yet to be confirmed by an anonymous source in the Wall Street Journal — which confirmed the iPhone will be joining its much larger counterpart, the iPad, on the Verizon network in early 2011.

I'm assuming the announcement will be made after Apple's annual event early next year, when most of the "magical and revolutionary" devices have been announced.

### Zynga violates Facebook privacy settings

The Facebook empire had a breach in Internet privacy come to light yesterday.

The breach was not by some super virus that raided Facebook offices in Palo Alto, but something far more sinister and annoying: Farmville.

More specifically, the company behind these social network games,

San Francisco-based Zynga.com.

The company has reportedly been giving out user information to advertisers and marketing agencies that have been using that information to market those oddly specific ads that appear on your Facebook page.

Even if you're not one of those annoying virtual farmers who ask their friends for help tending their fields, your private information could still be at risk. If a friend or colleague plays a Zynga game then the companies receiving the information from Zynga can still have access to third party private information through the shared connection.

This revelation hits home because this is in violation of Facebook's privacy agreement with its users.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg attempted to fix issues such as this in May of this year, when Facebook launched newer, more comprehensive privacy guidelines for the social network.

In light of the outing of Zynga's violation, there will probably be a new batch of security options for Facebook to regulate the free games that run rampant on it.



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Apple's iPhone has yet to be confirmed for the Verizon Wireless network, while only the iPad is scheduled to launch on Oct. 18.

The only difference is Jesus' comeback tour has yet to be confirmed by an anonmous source in the Wall Street Journal ...

## QUICK FACTS

- The iPad is the fastest-adopted piece of technology, having sold three million units within the first 80 days of its launch with a current rate of 4.5 million iPads being sold in a fiscal quarter.  
According to Bernstein Research via the Huffington Post.
- Apple is currently the No.2-rated company on Standard and Poor's 500 list and is expected to beat out the number one company, Exxon Mobil.  
According to Yahoo! Finance.
- Facebook is speculated to be worth \$59 billion if it has an initial public offering in 2011.  
According to the Wall Street Journal's Digits blog.

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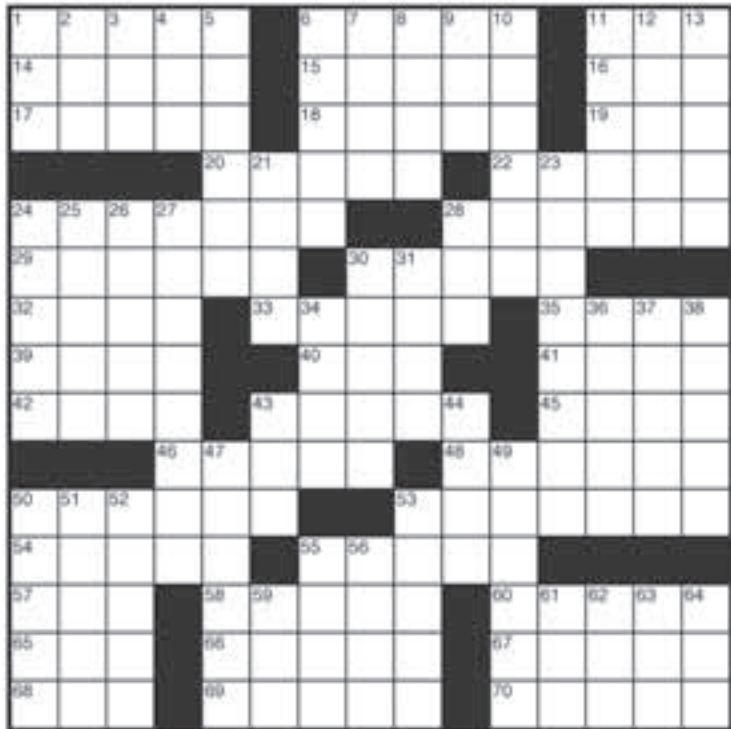
### ACROSS

- Vacillates (hyph.)
- Get lost!
- Spree
- Wrestling venue
- Neutral tone
- Ms. Thurman
- Glider's lack
- Fiery felony
- Garden planting
- Host with a book club
- Aimee — of films
- Turpentine, e.g.
- Scamper
- Back out
- Aspect
- Disentangle
- Hawaiian island
- Cope with, slangily
- Beauty parlor sound
- Yecchi!
- Mideast gulf
- German coal region
- Turn pink
- Carryall
- Form a butte
- Build, as assets
- Colorful annual
- Peerage member
- Ess moldings
- This too — pass
- Fiesta shout
- Like some seals
- Late bloomer
- Trendy
- Nostalgic style
- Rumpled
- Emergency signal
- Accident reminders

70 Black tea

### DOWN

- Root vegetable
- Conquistador's quest
- Even so
- Lennon partner
- Tropical wrap
- Ringo of music
- Dear, in Italy
- Make it snappy
- GI mail drop
- Threat
- Impaneled one
- Secret romance
- Clumsy
- Glance furtively
- Downward-walking bird
- Roof support
- Reddish dye
- Buddha's land
- Synthetic rubber
- fi flick
- Bach opus
- Sighs of relief
- Reekie (Edinburgh)
- Love madly
- Pisces neighbor
- Nudges, perhaps
- Glamorous wrap
- Tow
- Stage platforms
- Carpenter's gripper (hyph.)
- Skyrockets
- Ice structure



- Has occasion for
- Pedestal parts
- Baja Ms.
- Seasoner
- NRC predecessor
- Take legal action
- For shame!
- Paul Anka's "Beso"
- Whiskey grain

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Previous Solution





# Book chucker lacks manners



**SONIA AYALA**  
Staff Writer

Target practice was the talk of the press when an unknown author threw his own published book at President Barack Obama on Oct. 10 while giving a speech to 18,000 people at a Democratic rally in Philadelphia, according to the Huffington Post.

Thankfully, the book hit the president's podium and fell to the floor.

This incident didn't even faze the president and he continued to focus on more important things, such as the rally.

But according to the ABC-News website the author is a committed Obama supporter and meant no harm to the president. In fact, his main goal was to provide the president of the United States with a copy of his book.

I cannot believe the nerve of this guy to put the president in an uncomfortable predicament while he was promoting the great cause of voting at a "Get Out The Vote" campaign.

I have to admit that when I first heard about this incident it made me laugh because I could not believe someone could be dim-witted enough to throw a hard object at the president. I mean, there are so many other ways to give your book to the president, such as giving it to Secret Service or even mailing it to him at the White House.

Throwing a book at the president is totally unaccept-

able. I'm not sure if he did it just to get some exposure for his book or to make his name well-known, but I'm sure that the book-selling world is not so bad that he had to go and pull a publicity stunt like this one.

If he did do this for exposure, he failed, because the Secret Service won't even release his name or the name of his book to the public.

What has this world come to? Don't people have respect for authority anymore? Have the people of this of this nation become so corrupt that they cannot stand but to think of more ways to embarrass or challenge the authority of government officials, even if it means putting them in danger?

People pull the dumbest pranks on government officials and authority figures even though they know they shouldn't.

An example is when 30-year-old Muntadhar al-Zeidi, a journalist for the Al Baghdadia TV station, threw both of his shoes at then-President George W. Bush during a news conference in Baghdad. Except the only difference between the author's actions and Zeidi's actions is that Zeidi's intention was to harm the president. His actions were a reflection of the anger he felt toward the U.S. government for invading his nation and starting a war.

People have gone from shooting at presidents to throwing objects such as shoes and books at them, but I guess we should be happy that our presidents are still alive.

This book throwing incident makes me wonder if this person's parents ever taught him how to show respect for authority figures because if they didn't, he needs to go back to kindergarten to get an update on manners.

What gives people the right to threaten the lives of government officials who have actually have committed their lives to improving our country's well-being, economic status, government and protection force?

And that's why when it comes to the safety of our government officials, such as the president, I get really angry. Their rights are being violated and after all they've done for our government, they deserve to get the most respect out of anyone in the world.

The president shouldn't have to put up with the threatening actions of psychos who have nothing else to do but make his life difficult. I'm sure he has many other important issues to discuss such as immigration and voting.

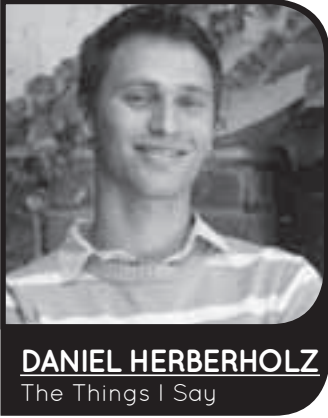
As for the man who threw his book at Obama, he is so blessed that Obama didn't press any charges against him.

One thing is for sure — he'll never be able to get away with it again. Next time he decides he wants to give a government official his book, he should try contacting them first.

If he has a replay of this incident he'll end up getting what he deserves, which is to get arrested.

“People pull the dumbest pranks on government officials and authority figures even though they know they shouldn't.”

# The experience of losing things



**DANIEL HERBERHOLZ**  
The Things I Say

I have a tendency to lose things.

Over the weekend, I went out with my friends to have a few drinks and relax. The next morning I reached in my jeans pocket to grab my cell phone, and it wasn't there.

Thus ensued a frantic search.

First, I went through all of the clothes I had worn the night before. Next, I scrambled around my apartment to see if I had left it in the bathroom or if it had somehow ended up in the kitchen.

I quickly ran to my friends' house, the only place I had been between dancing my worries away and going to bed. Their couch did not eat my phone. Neither did their cat — after all, he's just a kitten.

Using my friend's phone, I called the establishment I had been at the previous night. The woman who answered said it had not turned up but she would look around and call me back.

I retraced my steps between the place and my friend's house. No luck.

When I arrived at the bar, I asked if my cellular device had been recovered. The first employee told me, "You lose something out here, it's not coming back." At least he was real with me, but it wasn't the favorite thing I'd heard all week.

Where could it have gone?

I fully understand the effects alcohol can have on a person's memory. However, I truly felt that I had not had enough to pluck my phone from my pocket and leave it as a good luck charm for some passer-by. Since I had barely used my phone, the only explanation I could think of was that it had enough of my incessant checking.

"I can't handle this guy" it texted itself — because that's what cell phones do when they think — and leapt from my not-shallow pocket.

I am not the first to lose a cell phone. And it is not the first time I have done something like it.

Last year, I traveled to New York for the weekend on my way to Israel.

When I got off the bus from the airport to my hotel, I was so overtaken by the city around me that I did not grab the suitcase I had deposited underneath the bus.

The friend I was meeting said she would be at the bus stop to help me with my luggage. When I called, I was surprised to hear she was still at the hotel, so I began walking toward it.

Three blocks later I started thinking, "It's not so bad walking through this city with all of my

stuff — I've got my backpack, my carry-on, and my ... WHAT DID I DO?"

Immediately, I turned around and sprinted back toward the bus stop — rain started coming down. Upon returning to where the bus had dropped me off, I asked the ticket attendant for help. She radioed around and asked me to stand in a nearby subway entrance while I waited.

In the next hour, each time I looked up and saw bus employees walk by I had visions of them

approaching me with good news. This did not happen.

I spent the weekend running through the biggest city in America collecting the minimal items I needed to travel to Israel.

The result was a rotation of three pairs of shorts and six tank tops for the month I was in the Holy Land.

This made for a very interesting experience for me. It felt very strange to be in such a foreign place, putting on clothes that were foreign to me. I hadn't ever thought of clothes as a cloak of comfort, but I began to realize how much what I put on in the morning affected my mindset. Instead of looking down at something familiar throughout the day, I looked upon a \$6.99 shirt with no sleeves.

I did not feel like myself, and that fact greatly changed my vacation. I was a new person in a new land.

Looking back, I notice something important: I'm still here. Despite making dumb mistakes — misplacing something as big as my wardrobe or as small as the ability to text — I am still in one piece.

When I told my co-worker about how I could not find my cell phone she said, "From how you look right now, I'm surprised you didn't lose a thumb."

The best option one has when losing things is to go about starting over.

A lot of things in this world are replaceable. However, purchasing a new thumb is not really an option — unless a black market is tapped.

Yesterday, I bought a new phone.

My phonebook suffered, but I won't let my psyche do the same.

*"The Things I Say" is a biweekly column appearing on Tuesdays.*

*Daniel Herberholz is a Spartan Daily Sports Editor.*

In response to the Oct. 5 news story 'Professor serves up justice studies with a side of humor':

It is very important for me as a student to have some sort of fun or entertainment in class.

Some classes could have boring subjects, let alone delicate subjects like sexual injustice and family violence.

I think subjects like this are no easy task in terms of instruction.

I could only imagine the material and content one has to grasp and learn, and to be able to

turn it around and ease the job with humor is brilliant.

I think this is a good way to have the students' attention and interest.

Engaging in a class where the subject may not appeal at first with a boring professor is no fun.

As a student, I am glad I have come across a few instructors that made my classes very interesting and fun to learn from.

I think the more professors we have like Danielle Harris, the better for the students.

I am sure she is not the only professor with these

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teaching qualities, so I would like to give credit to all the professors out there whose task is to make a class or subject fun and interesting.

David Morales,  
Advertising



In response to the Sept. 29 news story 'July law mandates textbook publisher transparency':

viding students with the materials to learn.

Additionally, listing the required texts before the start of the semester would allow students more time to find better prices for used books.

Currently the only way to find the required texts prior to the first day of class is to use the university bookstore website, which frequently makes mistakes.

This means students can buy textbooks ahead of time but only at the risk of getting the wrong book, resulting in complicated returns and added costs.

If a student chooses to wait until the first day of class to confirm the required text, then they are pressured into getting the texts quickly, which means slower and cheaper online sources are usually out of the question.

Instead everyone is stuck buying from the university store that charges higher prices and has a smaller number of used books available.

Jeff Streit, Journalism

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CONGO

From Page 1

about Congo and globaliza-  
tion.”

One of the panelists, se-  
nior psychology major Bryan  
Rojas, said the purpose of the  
panel was to bring awareness  
to the fact that people don’t  
necessarily have to fill a ste-  
reotype to belong to a group.

A student diversity advo-  
cate for the Mosaic Cross Cul-  
tural Center and other local  
co-sponsors such as the Wom-  
en’s International League for  
Peace and Freedom, are host-  
ing a weeklong event to bring  
awareness to the injustices in  
the Democratic Republic of  
the Congo, according to the  
San Jose Peace and Justice  
Center website.

The week will feature the  
region’s music and dance and  
discussions about the culture,  
as well as historic and current  
atrocities, along with a key-  
note address by Congolese  
researcher Kasereka Kasomo  
on Thursday, according to the  
SJSU events website.

Lukogho Kasomo, a diver-  
sity advocate intern for the  
Mosaic center, said Tuesday’s  
event is called “Time and Tin.”

“The focus is on coltan —  
columbite-tantalite — which  
is found in tech products all  
over the world like receivers  
and cell phones,” said Kaso-  
mo, a senior political science  
major.

It is a resource found in the  
Congo that is being illegally  
extracted from the nation, she  
said.

“Eighty percent of the  
world’s mass of coltan is found  
in Congo,” Kasomo said. “Ev-  
eryone has a piece of coltan in  
their lives.”

She said there is a bigger  
issue, not just the coltan, but  
the fact that the illegal extrac-  
tion has begun a resource war,  
which leads into Wednesday’s  
event titled “War on Women.”

“Due to the nature of this  
war, rape is being used as  
a weapon of war,” Kasomo  
said. “In northeastern Congo,  
where the majority of the re-  
source is, mass rape is hap-  
pening. Women are victims  
of sexual assault and are being  
displaced either to other parts  
of the Congo or neighboring  
nations.”

Kasomo said like the  
coltan, the sexual assault still  
isn’t the biggest issue that  
Congo is facing.

“It is a result, a chain reac-  
tion from the resource war,”  
she said. “Rape is being used  
as a fear tactic.”

Kasomo said the event will  
focus on answering questions  
such as: What is rape? How is  
it used?

Nations such as Kosovo  
and Bosnia, which have suf-  
fered similar indignities, will  
be mentioned as well, she  
said.

The week’s events are in-  
tended to educate people on  
how to be a part of the change  
to stop this from happening,  
Kasomo said.

A keynote address by Con-  
golese researcher and Luk-  
ogho Kasomo’s father, Kaser-  
eka Kasomo, will be given on  
Thursday, she said.

Unlike the first three days  
of the event, which she said  
are meant to inform, Kasereka  
Kasomo will be focusing on  
how to resolve the issue.

Thursday is the main event  
in which he will also be giving  
a lecture and hosting a forum,  
Kasomo said.

Kasereka Kasmomo is  
a pastor and advocate who  
works with groups who want  
to change the Congo, accord-  
ing to his daughter.

“He wants everybody to  
learn more about what is hap-  
pening there,” she said. “He is  
also working on his doctorate  
and dissertation.”

Kasereka Kasomo was  
unavailable for comment be-  
cause he is currently in Congo  
doing educational work.

According to Lukogho Ka-  
somo, both she and her father  
are Congolese and relate to  
the struggles the nation is fac-  
ing.

She said she considers  
herself Congolese-American,  
born in Congo and raised in  
America.

“You see commonalities  
with social justice issues go-  
ing on in the greater world,”  
Kasomo said. “For me to not  
take the time to educate the  
other community that I’m  
part of would be a disservice  
to my heritage.”

The final event on Friday  
evening will be a film screen-  
ing and discussion at Dr.  
Martin Luther King Jr. Li-  
brary, which she said will be  
facilitated by SJSU professor  
Akubundu Lott.

The movie will feature  
some historical or current is-  
sue of the Congo, she said.

Sadika Sulaiman Hara, as-  
sistant director of the Mosaic  
Cross Cultural Center, said  
she has helped with the event,  
but Kasomo really spearhead-  
ed the whole thing.

“I am hoping everybody  
will want to come to this  
event,” Hara said. “It will be  
an educational opportunity to  
let everybody know about the

atrocities that are happening  
in the Republic of Congo.”

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Peace & Justice Center, Stu-  
dent Union Inc., Women’s In-  
ternational League for Peace  
and Freedom, and Womyn on  
Womyn’s Issues, according to  
a flier for the event.

CONGO AWARENESS

**TUESDAY, OCT. 19:**  
Time and Tin

Timeline on the  
Congo — Student  
Union, Mosaic Cross  
Cultural Center 12-1  
p.m.

“Congo’s Tin Miners”  
- Student Union,  
Mosaic Cross Cultural  
Center 6-8 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, OCT.  
20:** War against  
women?

Global Feminism  
— Student Union,

Mosaic Cross Cultural  
Center 5-6 p.m.

Rape as a Weapon of  
War — Student Union,  
Guadalupe Room  
6:30-8 p.m.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 21:**  
Trafficking the Congo  
Conflict Consumerism  
Speaker: Kasereka  
Kasomo

**FRIDAY, OCT. 22:** Film  
and Discussion  
King Library; Cultural  
Heritage Center Room  
525, 3-5 p.m.

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